

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM November 5, 2025 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliaferro, town attorney, and approximately 15 interested citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING/2026 BUDGET

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2026 budget, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments on the budget from the audience, and supervisor Schmitt made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of September 29, 2025, seconded by councilwoman Snow, and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of October 8, 2025, seconded by councilman McCarthy and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of October 15, 2025, seconded by councilwoman Snow and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2025-138
Authorization of Inter-Fund Loan**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling from time to time authorizes loans from funds to fund the initial cost of a project prior to grant funding being received, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize the following inter-fund loan:

1. \$100,000 from Hoffman Fund to support the Lakeside Entrance project.
2. Said funds shall be reimbursed to the Hoffman Fund, with interest at the current applicable rate, upon receipt of the corresponding grant funds.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE” Councilman Mygan – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**RESOLUTION 2025-139
Appointment of Full Time Mechanical Equipment Operator**

WHEREAS, a permanent full time Mechanical Equipment Operator (MEO) vacancy exists in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended that Justin Hyatt be appointed to fill said vacancy, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves Justin Hyatt to be appointed as a full-time MEO in the Highway Department, effective immediately, at the current MEO hourly rate of \$26.97.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE” Councilman Mygan – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-140
Adopting 2026 Budget

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025 the Town Board of the Town of Pawling duly held a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2026, at which time the public was invited to attend and be heard, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the budget for the Town for said fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Final Budget, as incorporated herein and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as the annual budget of the Town of Pawling for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 2026 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Pawling, Catherine Giordano, shall prepare and certify in duplicate, copies of said annual budget as adopted by this Town Board, and deliver one copy thereof to the Town Supervisor James Schmitt.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

Councilwoman Pitt made a motion to enter executive session at 6:07 PM, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to return from executive session at 6:25 PM, where no decisions were made, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON 2026 BUDGET:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE” Councilman Mygan – “NAY”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

TEAMSTERS CONTRACT

Supervisor Schmitt said the Teamsters contract is a four year contract and is budget neutral.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign the four year agreement with Local 456, seconded by councilman McCarthy, and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE” Councilman Mygan – “NAY”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “ABSTAINED”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

MYGAN

Councilman Mygan suggested Trevor Gainer for the comprehensive plan committee.

Councilman McCarthy suggested Ed Hauser for the comprehensive plan committee.

Following discussion, supervisor Schmitt said the board would discuss during the week, and there would be a resolution on next week’s agenda to appoint someone to the comprehensive plan committee.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said Rotary is doing a coat drive, and there is a box at Lakeside, and the Pawling Resource Center to donate coats.

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy said the first meeting of the comprehensive plan committee meeting went very well.

PITT

Councilwoman Pitt asked about the Dewey Lane Bridge re-bid.

Supervisor Schmitt explained that there was a low bidder, and when the bids were reviewed, there was an error in one of the bids. When the error was corrected, it changed who the low bidder was. This became an issue and the legal advice was to reject all the bids and rebid the project.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to reject all of the bids received for the Dewey Lane Bridge project, seconded by councilwoman Pitt and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to put the Dewey Lane Bridge back out to bid, with all bids to be received by December 5, 2025, seconded by councilwoman Pitt, and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt thanked everyone who came out to vote this year, and he congratulated Cathy Giordano for being successful in her election.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by supervisor Schmitt at 6:45 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk